

# Christmas Poinsettias

Each Christmas, poinsettias adorn our altar in Honor or in Memory of our loved ones. This year we are especially grateful to Mike Shackley and Gene Lawson for their design, construction, and installation of our new custom plant stands. And special thanks to Becky Bennett for her creativity and dedication to decorating our sanctuary so beautifully.

## placed in Honor of

Maureen Atkins	by	Jim and Cheryl Atkins
Lisa Bolt	by	Whitney Johnson & James Kingman
Becky Bennett	by	Maureen Devlin
Jordan Black	by	Maureen Devlin
Bill Callaway	by	Jim and Cheryl Atkins
Bill Callaway	by	Whitney Johnson & James Kingman
Bill Callaway	by	The Rowell Family
Tamara Coffey	by	Barbara Roberts
Janet Dixon	by	Jim and Cheryl Atkins
Russ & Brittany Dunlap	by	Whitney Johnson & James Kingman
Debbie & George Hall and family	by	Lee Turner
Deanna Hamilton	by	Whitney Johnson & James Kingman
Adam Hammond	by	Ann Hammond
Kathy Heller	by	Lee Turner
Tom & Marsha Jones	by	Sheila Wilder & Steve Rubino
Lynn Johnston	by	C.J. "Loving Daughter" Johnston
Mary Ellen Johnson	by	Whitney Johnson & James Kingman
Gene & Jo Anne Lawson	by	Sheila Wilder & Steve Rubino
Ray & Jane Manus	by	Whitney Johnson & James Kingman
Maggie Victorio-Mundie	by	Whitney Johnson & James Kingman
Jess Paik	by	Marcia Myers
Shirley Pirnie	by	Barbara Roberts
Alexis Rodriguez	by	The Rowell Family
Jan Rowell and family	by	Lee Turner
Jennifer Teahan	by	Whitney Johnson & James Kingman
Laura, Matt, Lila & McKenzie Trammell	by	Ann Hammond
Mike & Becky Veal	by	Whitney Johnson & James Kingman
Eleanor Wilson	by	The Rowell Family
Zack Wright	by	Maureen Devlin
Zack Wright	by	Whitney Johnson & James Kingman
Zack Wright & the Chancel Choir	by	Bill Callaway
Rev. Blair Boyd Zant	by	Bill Callaway
The Zant Family	by	Deanna Hamilton
Our Dedicated Church Staff	by	Rev. Blair Boyd Zant
This Loving Congregation	by	Rev. Blair Boyd Zant

## placed in Memory of

Mark Atkins	by	Jim and Cheryl Atkins
Omer and Carol Benn	by	Kent, Liesa, Grace & Duke Nichols
Robert 'Bruce' Bennett	by	The Bennett Family
Barbara Broadway	by	The Broadway Family
John Dennisson	by	Mary Lou Dennisson
Roy Dixon	by	Jim and Cheryl Atkins
Crystal Dunahoo	by	Ray Dunahoo
Les Hammond	by	Ann Hammond
Ms. Eiko Hyde	by	The Saragos
Doris Johnston	by	Lynn Johnston
Michael Kandcer	by	Richard, Michelle & Claire Watts
Marika Klemis	by	The Broadway Family
Lewis Myers	by	Marcia Myers
Bill and Jean Nichols	by	Kent, Liesa, Grace & Duke Nichols
Lloyd and Elva Parrott	by	Barbara Berryman
Mrs. Betty & Mr. Bill Robinson	by	The Dunlap Family
Bill & Betty Robinson	by	Bill Callaway
Maria Magdalena Sanchez	by	The Sanchez Family
Leonard Salley	by	Lynda Salley & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Ann Sarago	by	The Saragos
Ed and Estelle Scott	by	Ashley & Duke Scott
Dottie Smith	by	Bill Callaway
Benjamin Trammell	by	Ann Hammond
Wendell Turner	by	Lee Turner
Richard Watts, Sr	by	Sandra Watts
Richard Watts, Sr.	by	Richard, Michelle & Claire Watts
Mark W. Willcott III	by	Ashley & Duke Scott
Charles F. Wilson	by	Eleanor Wilson
Loved Ones	by	Ann Hammond
Our Grandparents	by	The Dunlap Family

# Classes & Groups


Faith Formation classes for ALL AGES meet Sunday mornings at **9:30 am**. Feel free to explore any and all classes to find the small group that is right for you!

- Bridge Class**
  - Focuses primarily on relationships. Studies discuss popular culture, books, and current events that raise challenging questions. Members range from families with young children to established career professionals. **Room 200**
- Faith Class**
  - The Faith Class is one of our largest Sunday school classes. Each Sunday begins with a short devotion by one of the class members followed by a prayer of concerns and praises. Lessons are led by individual class members using selected study material typically spanning four to fourteen weeks. The class supports missions of the church as well as class specific activities. **Room 204**
- Fellowship Class**
  - True to our name, this class provides a friendly, supportive space for sharing and caring. We prioritize mission opportunities, whether through the church or for causes and needs we recognize. Members represent wide range of ages and family types. This nontraditional Sunday School class offers a great way to establish relationships and plug into the life of this church. **Room 207**
- Glow Class**
  - One of Chamblee First's longest-standing classes, lessons are based on the Adult Bible Studies series. Most members are in their 70s or older and they share prayer requests weekly. **Room 123**
- Journeys Class**
  - A casual class that studies a wide variety of different curriculum. The lessons are discussion-based to develop faith intellectually. Most members are nearing retirement age. **Room 205**

## Chamblee Kids

Jordan Black | Director of Children's Ministries | [jblack@chambleeumc.org](mailto:jblack@chambleeumc.org)

- Scheduling Note:** Neither Children's Sunday School nor Kids' Church will meet on **Dec 29**. Please plan to enjoy worship as a family at 10:45. Nursery will be available during the service for children age 4 and younger
- Elementary Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 (resumes Jan 5)**
  - Our exciting programs, current curriculum, and mentors help children develop their faith in fun ways they can understand. Children age 2 through preschool meet in Room 101. Children grades K-5th meet in Room 223.
- During Worship, 10:45-11:45 (resumes Jan 5)**
  - Children grades K-5th are dismissed during the service for Kids' Church and can be picked up in Room 223 following the service.
  - Children ages 2 through preschool will meet in Room 101 at both 9:30 and 10:45.
- Nursery** is available in room 100 during Sunday School and Worship Service for infants and toddlers. Additionally, a soothing room is available in the Narthex in back of the sanctuary.



India Gleason, Director of Youth Ministries  
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**Sunday mornings: 9:30-10:30 am**  
All students grades 6-12, are invited to participate in our current series, *Remember When*. Come for coffee and snacks as we take a look at the Christmas story to see how something we may have heard long ago can still help us grow today.

**Sunday evenings: 5:00-7:00 pm**  
Chamblee Methodist Youth Group (CMY) is an inclusive space for all youth, 6th - 12th grades. Join us for social events, spiritual exploration and service opportunities. CMY group & supper **resumes Jan 12**.

## Wonder-Full Wednesdays

All **Young Adults** are invited to gather each month for Wonder-Full Wednesday! A time of fun and fellowship during which we can learn to listen for God's persistent voice and fully embrace all God has planned for us. Reach out to Cameron Wilson for details.  
[cacwilson32@gmail.com](mailto:cacwilson32@gmail.com)



DECEMBER 22, 2024  
TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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# We Welcome, Celebrate, and Embrace All

At Chamblee First UMC, we affirm that all people are created in the image of God and as beloved children of God. We believe that all people are worthy of God's unconditional love, grace, and inclusion. We embrace and celebrate the gift of diversity in our church and in our world. We recognize that while we may not all think alike on all issues, we can all Love God, Serve People, and Transform Lives in ministry together.

We proclaim this statement of welcome to all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the church or in society. And we invite all people to fully participate in the life of this community of faith. Together we support one another in our endeavors, and in doing so strengthen each other and the body of Christ in this world.

Welcome to Chamblee First United Methodist Church!

## Attendance



Visitor Check-In

Whether a Visitor or a Member, we are glad you are with us today! We ask that you register your attendance by scanning the applicable QR code. Please let us know if you are new, would like to become a member, or are interested in more information about Chamblee First.



Member Check-In

## Ways to Give

An offering is collected to support the work of Chamblee Methodist, sharing God's love with the world. Whether you are a church member, a regular worshiper, or an active participant in one of our ministries, your gifts are appreciated. For those who prefer to contribute electronically, give securely any time at [chambleeumc.org/give](http://chambleeumc.org/give). Or TEXT the word **CHAMBLEE** to 73256 using your mobile device.



**CHRISTMAS EVE: Linger in the Light**  
4pm - Nativity Service | 6pm - Communion Service



Rev. Blair Zant, Senior Pastor  
Zack Wright, Director of Music Ministries  
Alexis Rodriguez, AV Engineer  
Mellie O'Keefe, Kindergarten Director  
Linda King, Hospitality & Member Care  
Emily Jameson, PMO Director  
Deanna Hamilton, Executive Director  
India Gleason, Youth Director  
Bill Callaway, Organist  
Jordan Black, Director of Children's Ministries  
Taylor Aycock, Nursery Coordinator

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## Order of Worship

### THE GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour  
Call to Worship Rev. Blair Boyd Zant  
Prelude *Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella* Chapman  
Mr. Bill Callaway, organist

### THE GREETING

Welcome & Announcements Mrs. Deanna Hamilton  
Opening Hymn \* *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* UMH 89

### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Fourth Sunday of Advent: LOVE Zephaniah 3:14-20 The Bennett Family  
Advent Sung Response *Christ Be Our Light* Farnell  
*refrain:* Christ be our light, shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness. Christ be our light, shine in your church gathered today.

### PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Mrs. Hamilton

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Covenant  
Congregational Response *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* UMH 61  
verse 1

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mary & Joseph Show the Way Mrs. Jordan Black  
Children grades K-5th are dismissed for Kid's Church in room 223

### THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering Rev. Zant  
Offertory *Canticle of the Turning* Cooney  
Chancel Choir with Mr. Bill Callaway, organist  
Advent Doxology \* *Veni Emmanuel* UMH 211  
tune: *O Come Emanuel*  
Prayer of Dedication \* Rev. Zant

### THE WORD

Scripture Luke 1:39-55 Mrs. Hamilton  
Sermon *Stay Awhile: Welcome In* Rev. Zant

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Closing Hymn \* *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* UMH 218

### SENDING FORTH

Benediction \* Rev. Zant  
Postlude *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* Haan  
Mr. Callaway, organist

\* Please stand as you are able.

## Prayer Requests

Please keep these individuals in your prayers today and throughout the week. A complete list including **loved ones** and **ongoing needs** can be found at [chambleeumc.org/weekly-prayer-list](http://chambleeumc.org/weekly-prayer-list) or by scanning this QR code. If you have a prayer request or a praise to share, email [prayer@chambleeumc.org](mailto:prayer@chambleeumc.org).



Prayer List

### Our Members:

- Skylar Broadway, daughter of Wes and Brooke, recovering from knee surgery
- Debbie Hall, upcoming surgery and treatment for breast cancer
- Alexis Rodriguez, dealing with complications from Myasthenia Gravis
- Jean Mims, recovering at home with heart and kidney issues, awaiting treatment
- Jerry Smith, recovering at home, awaiting new treatment
- Joe Lipsky, recovering from cervical spinal surgery
- Jake Burkhardt, struggling with effects of CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy))

### Our Members' Families:

- Jim Russell, uncle of Mary Ruth Kearney, recovering from broken ribs and a concussion after a fall
- Diana Stephens, SIL of Lee Turner, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
- Bruce Bennett, brother of Becky, awaiting treatment for neck pain
- Claire Winne, mother of Mark, recovering in rehab
- Stacy Jarrard Kelley, niece of Debbie Calvert, receiving radiation treatments after double mastectomy for triple negative breast cancer
- Mary Ellen Johnson, mother of Whitney, health challenges
- Lisa Bolt, mother of James Kingman, treatment for esophageal and liver cancer
- Tyler Marshall, nephew of Jo Burkhardt, dealing with bi-polar disorder
- Claire Rowell, DIL of Jan, continuing maintenance treatments for brain tumor
- Nell Lanier, aunt of Jo Burkhardt, undergoing treatment for liver cancer in Mississippi

## Celebration of Baptism



Please welcome to our Family of Faith,  
**Elizabeth Sloane Peterson**,  
born January 30, 2024  
daughter of Ben and Casey Peterson

## Church Life & Community

Chamblee First UMC helps people find peace and purpose within a Christian community. For our most current calendar including **January 2025 events**, visit [chambleeumc.org/happenings](http://chambleeumc.org/happenings)

## Church Financials & Leadership

### Month-End Reporting

YTD as of Nov 30: Income = \$819,382 | Expenses = \$835,833. To request a full copy of the most recently approved financial reports, please email [business@chambleeumc.org](mailto:business@chambleeumc.org)

### Upcoming Meetings

- Jan 10 & 11 - ChamLEAD Training for church committee/board members and staff, hosted by our Leadership Development and Nominations Committee.

### Staff Love Offering

Dec 22

Today is the last day to contribute to our annual Staff Love Offering. You may give online at [onrealm.org/ChambleeUMC/give/staff](http://onrealm.org/ChambleeUMC/give/staff) or by check payable to Chamblee First UMC with "Staff Love" noted on the memo line.

### 2024 Outstanding Pledge Balances

by Dec 31

Please login to [onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org) to review your personal giving records and fulfill your 2024 pledge. If your situation has changed and you are unable to satisfy your pledge, please contact our Executive Director at [dhamilton@chambleeumc.org](mailto:dhamilton@chambleeumc.org) so we can adjust accordingly. Every gift matters as we work to close out the fiscal year.

### Church Business Office Holiday Hours

- Dec 24 thru Dec 27: closed
- Sun Dec 29: worship at 10:45 am
- Dec 30 & 31: 8:30 am - 12 noon
- Jan 1: closed
- Jan 2: normal business hours, 8:30 am - 4 pm
- Jan 7: PreK & Kindergarten resume